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I'm reminded of the good Samaritan. Many passed by the man that was hurt. They didn't want to get involved, but the good Samaritan went above and beyond the call of human compassion and duty. Sometimes it may be an unlikely person that comes to your rescue. Folks will surprise you in a crunch especially if it's getting next to their pocket book. The old saying says, A friend in need is a friend indeed! Amen! You know I got to thinking about the old beggar and I realized that I had rather have been him, because you see when he died the angels came and took him up to Abraham's bosom (Paradise), but when the rich man died the Bible says that in hell he lifted up his eyes. Now, that don't mean that every beggar goes to heaven and that every rich man goes to hell. Because it's not money that's the root of all evil, but rather the lust of it. You can have a little money and lust after it, be stingy and not be charitable and it will be a sin to you or you can be a rich person and be charitable and use it for the good of humanity and it will not be a sin, but rather a blessing to you and to others. As the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:1, Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The word charity here is agape (divine love) and that's the kind of love it takes to do good deeds toward others. That's what the good Samaritan had and the rich man did not. If you close up your bowels of compassion how dwelleth the love of God in you? It don't get no plainer than that! Can you say amen?



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